

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. **(Currently amended)** A method for treating stroke said method comprising:
 - a) administering as a single dose a defibrinogenating agent to a ~~patient~~ human in need of such treatment at a rate of about 0.05- 1.25 IU/kg/hr, wherein said rate is sufficient to achieve rapid initial defibrinogenation;
 - b) ceasing administration of said defibrinogenating agent after about 15 min to 12 hours; and
 - b) allowing normalization of fibrinogen levels to occur without further administration of said defibrinogenating agent.

2. **(Original)** The method of claim 1, wherein initial defibrinogenation occurs at a rate of ≥ 20 mg/dL/hr.

3. **(Original)** The method of claim 1, wherein initial defibrinogenation occurs at a rate of ≥ 30 mg/dL/hr.

4. **(Currently amended)** The method of claim 1, wherein the defibrinogenating agent is ancrod.

5. **(Canceled)**

6. **(Original)** The method of claim 1 wherein the defibrinogenating agent is administered as a single dose of about 0.1- 0.2 IU/kg/hr.

7. **(Original)** The method of claim 1 wherein the defibrinogenating agent is administered as a single dose at a rate of about 0.14-0.175 IU/kg/hr.

8. *(Original)* The method of claim 1 where the defibrinogenating agent is administered intravenously.
9. *(currently amended)* A method for treating stroke said method comprising:
- a) administering a defibrinogenating agent to a human patient in need of such treatment at a rate of about 0.10-1.5 IU/kg/hr;
 - b) ceasing administration of the defibrinogenating agent after about 15 min to 12 hours; and
 - c) allowing normalization of fibrinogen levels to occur without further administration of said defibrinogenating agent.
10. *(Original)* The method of claim 9 wherein said defibrinogenating agent is administered from about 30 minutes to 6 hours.
11. *(Original)* The method of claim 9 where the defibrinogenating agent is administered intravenously.